(c) whether Government would take steps to run this factory in its full capacity; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) The dip in production in Ordnance Parachute Factory, Kanpur in the last two years was due to design changes in many of its products and „paucity» of some raw materials. Free flow of production of the new products has since been established.

(c) and (d) As compared to the production worth Rs. 43.4 crores in 1994-95, a production target of Rs 57 crores has been set for 1995-96.

Companies with Foreign Equity Ownership

1807. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:
SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of companies in the country with foreign equity ownership; and

(b) the names of companies having more than 40% shares owned by foreigners as on 31st March, 1995?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) The Companies Act, 1956 does not distinguish between the local equity ownership and foreign equity. As such, statistics regarding number of companies with foreign equity ownership is not separately maintained.

(b) 1309 nos. of companies have been granted approval for foreign equity participation of more than 40% during post policy period from 1-8-91 to 31-3-95. The details of these proposals approved viz., name of the Indian company, name of the foreign collaborator and the country to which it belongs, item of manufacture are published by the Indian Investment Centre as a supplement to their Monthly Newsletter and copies of these are regularly supplied to the Parliament Library.

Achievements of CSIR in Rural Development

1808. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the remarkable achievements of CSIR in the field of rural development during the last three years;

(b) the aspects of rural development on which more heed has been paid so far in view of these achievements/researchers; and

(c) the achievement of CSIR in mobilising basic facilities in rural areas and improving the living standard of rural people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDY): (a) Significant achievements of CSIR in the filed of Rural Development during the last 3 years i.e. 1992—95 are appended as per Statement (*See* below).

(b) For greater diffusion of CSIR developed Rural Technologies, emphasis has been laid on training and demonstration programmes. CSIR has actively participated in a number of Exhibition/Agro-fairs, thereby covering important areas as under:—

(i) Low-cost building materials and construction technologies.

(ii) Cultivation and processing of medicinal and aromatic plants.

(iii) Food and agro-based technologies.

(iv) Drinking water.